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A TOUR OF THE MIDWAY AREA visiting such places as the famous Hot Pots, open craters filled with near-boiling water, Wasatch Mountain State Park, Utah State Fish Hatchery and many other points of interest is conducted by Mrs. George Johnson, as a major feature of the Swiss Days Celebration. (Herald Staff Photo Chatwin)

Midway Prepares For Swiss Days Celebration

MIDWAY — The echo of Swiss Yodeling coming from the tower of the Midway Town Hall fills the air and sets the mood for the annual Swiss Days celebration to be held Aug. 29, 30.

Final preparations are underway this week with the members of the Midway Boosters Club, sponsors of the celebration, setting up the booths for the Swiss Market Place, residents decorate homes and add final touches to their Swiss costumes.

The theme, support from the community, the typical Swiss setting and original activities help to make this one of the

most successful celebrations in the state.

The Swiss market features genuine Swiss foods such as cheese, sausages, sauerkraut dinners, pastries, baked goods, homemade pies, cakes, scones and many other items.

Other events adding to the theme are a "Swiss Miss" and her attendants who reign over the festivities, Swiss folk dancing, parades, Swiss musical program, games, chuck wagon breakfast, arts and crafts, flower show and the popular tour of the Midway area.



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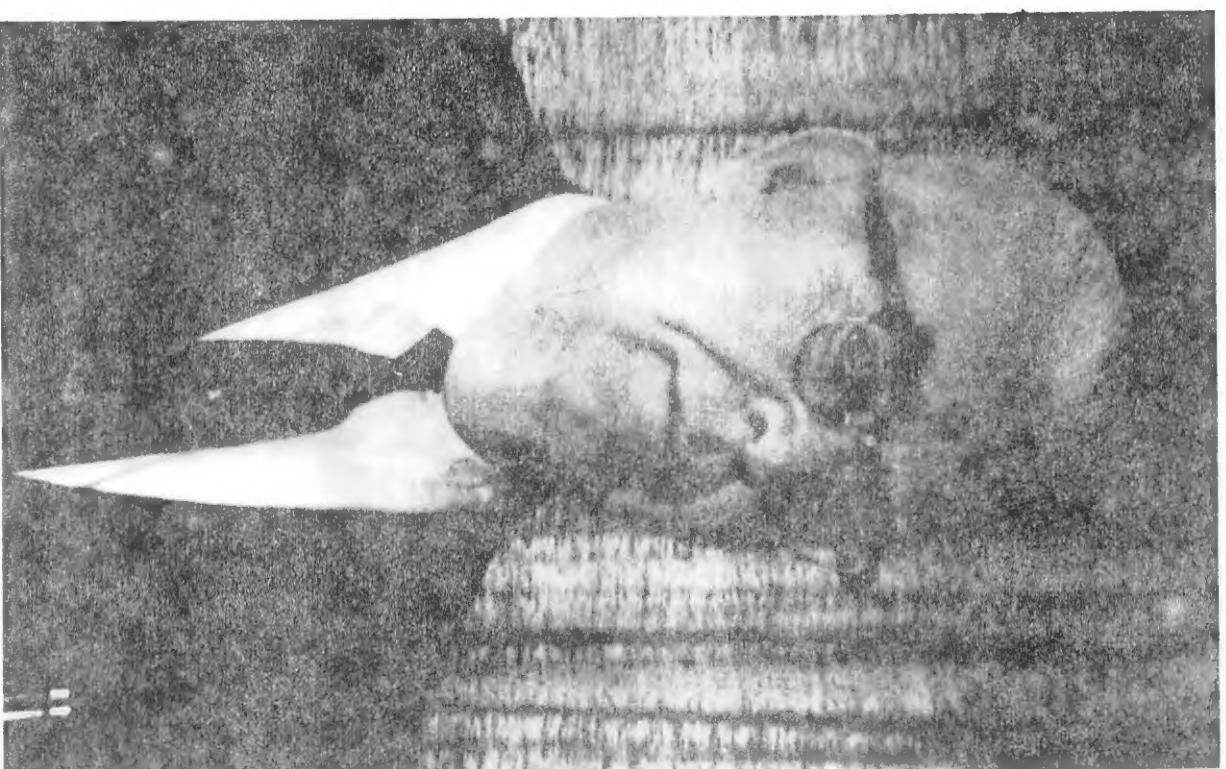
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'84 Swiss Days

Midway Honors George Johnson

In connection with Midway's annual Swiss Days, the Midway Boosters' Club have named their outstanding Citizen for 1984. Chosen for the honor this year is George W. Johnson, a life-long resident of Midway, and one who has given countless hours of service to neighbors and friends and citizens not only of Midway but of other towns in Heber Valley.

Mr. Johnson was born July 9, 1901 in Heber City, Utah. He was born in the little house east of town on Mill Road, where his father, Nels Johnson, was running the mill. His mother was Mary Ann Orgill, the oldest of 14 children, whose parents had come to Utah as immigrants from England.

When George was very small his father bought the flour mill in Midway, and the home where Doctors Ferguson now live. The family ran the mill and farmed the acreage there, raising pigs, cows, chickens, and farm crops. They also cut ice from the mill pond and buried it in sawdust for use in iceboxes in the summer. The children learned to work hard at an early age.

George had a busy active childhood, but was plagued all of his life by a blood condition which made any form of surgery difficult and also caused other problems. He attended school in Midway, then in Heber, getting there either by walking or riding a horse, or going by horse-drawn sleigh in winter. George was in high school during World War I, when the Government considered flour mills as an essential industry. They set up a quota for each one, and the mill was run 24 hours a day to meet the quota. George ran the mill at night and his father would run it during the day. This, of course, interfered somewhat with his education. The family was close-knit, and under their mother's direction, active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

George served a mission call to the Southern States Mission, and served for 30 months in Arkansas, under somewhat difficult circumstances, since the church was the subject of much prejudice in that area. He walked many hundreds of miles, and had experiences which have stayed with him through his lifetime. He also became a man with firm convictions, wisdom, and compassion for his fellowmen. When he returned home he married his sweetheart, Jennie Pyper, and they began their married life in Heber. He farmed, worked in his father's mill in Midway, and was active in the old Heber First Ward. For a time the family lived in Lakeview, west of Provo, while he worked as a poultry buyer for Swift and Company and ran a small feed store. Five children were born to George and Jennie, three of whom still live in Midway: Max and Lowell Johnson, and Georgia Dawn Clegg. A small son, Keith, died in infancy, and a daughter, Ruth Anne, died when she was eighteen in an automobile accident.

George has served long and well in many capacities. He was a member of the Wasatch Stake High Council, a counselor to the Bishop in the Midway First Ward, and then Bishop of that ward for eight years. His wisdom, experience and good judgement were called upon many times in the giving of help and counsel to those who came seeking his advice. He served as a member for the Midway City Council. After the death of his wife, Jennie, he met and married Iola Jensen Starr, and together they were able to do considerable traveling for a time.

As a summary, he is a person who has natural talents as a teacher, and has been a powerful and persuasive speaker on many occasions. He was in much demand for many years particularly as a speaker at funerals and has lost count of the number to which he has spoken. He has also recorded many many funerals and other events for people that they might be preserved and cherished. He is a man to who his children have always come first in his life, and he has a great love and concern for many others around him, as well. His mind is keen and alert, and he reads a great deal, and studies and is constantly learning. He enjoys educational type tapes, and he greatly enjoys visiting with all who come to see him. He has contributed throughout his entire lifetime to the good and welfare of others, and we are honored to have him as Midway's Citizen of the Year for 1984.



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took this office before the birth of her first child and continued therein until after her sixth baby was born. For many years she had charge of the wheat for the Relief Society in Midway. Matilda was the youngest girl to join the Relief Society in Midway, being just 14 years of age. She began serving as a visiting teacher and faithfully fulfilled this assignment for 70 years. She also assisted with the directing of plays.

She died at the age of 94 at a daughter's home in Los Angeles, California. Funeral services were held in Salt Lake City and she was buried in Midway.

Children of Isaac and Mary Matilda Jacob included:

Mary;
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Adelia;
Ellen;
Elsie;
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in L. Glickman, M.D.
Professor and Chairman
Department of Surgery
at Einstein College of Medicine/
Mortimer B. Zuckerman Medical Center

Dear Colleague:

As promised in my letter to you last month, enclosed is a full schedule of
CONTROVERSIES AND PROBLEMS IN SURGERY, to be offered
at the New York Hilton Hotel on December 5, 6 and 7, 1984.

After looking over the program of controversial topics and renowned guest faculty,
I am sure you will agree: this is one meeting which must not be missed.

In addition, we have arranged truly unique social events -- from a private reception and
showing at the world famous Whitney Museum of American Art to a selection of Broadway
plays and major concerts. Besides, no one should miss the opportunity to experience
Manhattan fully decorated for Christmas.

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Born 26 June 1870 Place Peoa, Summit, Utah					Wife Mary Ann ORGILL				
Chr. 22 March 1900 Place Daniel, Wasatch, Utah					NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET				
Died 22 May 1950 Place Midway, Wasatch, Utah					Ward Examiners: 1. 2.				
Bur. HUSBAND'S FATHER Ola JOHNSON HUSBAND'S MOTHER Marna NILSSON WALTERS					Stake or Mission				
HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES (1) Elizabeth Ann MOORE					RELATION OF ABOVE TO HUSBAND RELATION OF ABOVE TO WIFE				
WIFE (2) Mary Ann ORGILL					FOUR GENERATION SHEETS FOR FILING ONLY				
Born 9 Jan. 1877 Place Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete, Utah					YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
Chr. 28 Mar. 1952 Place Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah					DATE SUBMITTED TO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY				
Died Bur. WIFE'S FATHER Mark ORGILL WIFE'S MOTHER Rachel Isabell SMITH					LDS ORDINANCE DATA				
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M F List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names SURNAME DAY MONTH YEAR TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY TO WHOM DAY MONTH YEAR					WIFE 12 Sep1886 24 Sep1920				
1 M George William JOHNSON 9 July 1901 Heber City Wasatch Ut. 13 Aug. 1924 Jennie Luella PYPER					27 Aug1910 9 Nov 1921 24 Sep1920				
2 M Ronald Mark JOHNSON 21 Mar. 1904 Midway " " 9 June 1930 Hazel Evelyn LEWIS					8 June1912 24 Sep1920				
3 M son (stillborn) 23 Mar. 1905 " " " 23 Mar. 1905									
4 F Elizabeth JOHNSON 13 May 1906 " " " 7 June 1928 William Wallace NEWBY					6 Jun.1914 24 Sep1920				
5 F Rachel Lucille JOHNSON 15 Nov. 1907 " " " 30 Sept.1930 Lucian Mead WHITING					22 Jun1917 13 Jul.1933 24 Sep1920				
6 F Bessie Mildred JOHNSON 10 Nov. 1911 " " " 1 Oct. 1930 William Neils LARSEN					17 Feb1920 13 Nov.1957 24 Sep1920				
7 M Ralph Joseph JOHNSON 24 Aug. 1914 " " " 20 Sept.1932 Fawn CLYDE					11 Nov1922 30 Mar 1933 24 Sep1920				
8 F Edith Loretta JOHNSON 9 Mar. 1917 " " " 22 Mar. 1942 Clifford John SHERWOOD					11 Jul1925 23 June1949 24 Sep1920				
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION					OTHER MARRIAGES				
Child #1&2, births & Child #1-8, baptism3--Midway 1st Ward records GS F026,185					Child #1, George md. (2) Iola JENSEN 18 March 1965				
Child #3-8, Utah State Vital Records					NECESSARY EXPLANATIONS				
Marriages--Wasatch Co., Utah Marriage Records									
Endowments--TIB Cards; Parents' birth--Family Bible Records									
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marriage Record.

State
People of the Territory of Utah,
County of Wasatch.

TO ANY PERSON LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE, GREETING:

You are hereby Authorized to Join in Holy Matrimony Mr. Nels J. Johnson
of Heber, in the County of Wasatch, and Territory of Utah, of the age
Twenty nine years, and Mrs Mary A Orgill
Daniels Ward, in the County of Wasatch, and Territory of Utah, of the age
Twenty three years.

Witness my hand as Clerk of the Probate Court and ^{Special} seal of said court hereto
affixed at my office in Heber City, in said County, this 21st day of
March A. D. 1900
John J. Giles County Clerk of the Probate Court.

State
TERRITORY OF UTAH,
County of Wasatch } ss.

By Deputy.

I hereby certify that on the 22 day of March in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and one
I the undersigned, a Minister of the Gospel at Daniels Ward in said County,
Nels J. Johnson of the County of Wasatch State Utah, Territory of Utah, and
Mary A Orgill, of the County of Wasatch, State Utah, Territory of Utah. The nature of
the ceremony was according to the rites of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and was a present mutual agreement of mar-
riage between the parties for all time.

We were Married as stated in this Certificate, and are now husband and wife.

Signed, Nels J. Johnson Groom.
Signed, Mary A Orgill Bride.
In the Presence of Ruth Hatch Witness.
John Halborn Witness.
Abram Hatch
President Wasatch Stake





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In the winter months he obtained a job in Hatch's Flour Mill and learned the milling business. When the plane sifter system was installed in the Heber Mill by the Barnard and Leighs Company, he was the first miller to learn to run this system. Then this same company installed the system in mills in Oakley, Kamas and Wanship. They hired Mr. Johnson to go to these mills and instruct other millers in the plane sifter system. It was during this time that he met and married Elizabeth Moore. They lived at Oakley, where he supervised these three mills. It was here that the couple's two children were born, Merne and Nels. Elizabeth died shortly after the birth of her son, and the little Nels passed away five months later. After the death of his wife and child he came back to Wasatch county to work in Hatch's Mill again.

Millers at Kamas became unhappy with their work and wanted to quit their jobs so Nels and his brother A. O. Johnson purchased the mill in Kamas and this became Johnson's Brothers Milling Company.

In 1900 Nels married Mary Ann Orgill. They lived at Hatch's mill until after the birth of their first son. In 1902 Nels and his brother purchased the Midway Mill from Mark Jeffs. This partnership continued some fifteen years. Then a coin was flipped to see who would take possession of the Midway Mill. The coin fell in Nels' favor. He paid A. O. the sum of \$5,000 and gave him his share in the Kamas mill because the Midway Mill was considered a better location.

Midway Roller Mills drew on a large territory of Uintah Basin and Wasatch County, and friends that Nels had made in Summit County still patronized his business and did so until he died. Indians came from the reservation, and the government paid a percentage of the cost of grinding besides the toll the Indians paid so they would not be left waiting to have their grain ground. They came by the hundreds and camped overnight in the empty ponds and flat country south of the mill.

During World War I the mill ran day and night to produce flour for the government. This flour was packed in burlap sacks that weighed 140 lbs, when filled. The flour

was shipped to Houston, Texas. People were rationed on the white flour they could use and had to purchase substitute flours. Mr. Johnson acted as government agent in this and made weekly reports.

He was in the milling business sixty years. He served as chairman of the amusement board in Midway, also as a county commissioner for Wasatch County. He owned stock in the Heber Mercantile and Heber City Exchange and was a director in the later concern until his death. He was a member of the Executive Council, Boy Scouts of America and awarded the first eighty-one badges given to Scouts in the county.

Mr. Johnson worked in his mill and supervised his large farm until four years before his death in 1950, at the age of eighty years.

Mary Ann Orgill was the oldest of fourteen children. Her family moved to Daniels Creek when she was eight years old. She was educated in the public schools of Wasatch County.

When Mary reached the age of fourteen, she began to do house work in various homes in the county. She received three dollars a month for her efforts. With this money she bought several items of furniture for her family, and helped buy clothes for her brothers and sisters. She continued on in this work until she was twenty-three years old. She met Nels J. Johnson when she worked in the home of President Abram Hatch in Heber. She and Mr. Johnson were married at her home in Daniels Creek, with President Hatch officiating. The couple made their home in the house provided for the millers close to the mill. They lived here until after the birth of her son. They moved to Midway in 1902.

Mrs. Johnson loved to garden and she had a large garden by her house. She also raised chickens and ducks, geese and turkeys to help supplement the family income.

She did fine sewing, making exquisite embroidery as well as tatting and crocheting. She sewed for her large family and made countless quilts that found their way into homes of brothers, sisters, children and grandchildren.

A little daughter was left to her husband at the death of his first wife, and she cared for her and shared her love and care with this child. A niece also was given this same care and love during the years she made her home in this family.

Mrs. Johnson loved books and music and

recited many poems and sang many songs from memory. She loved The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was an active member. She was Relief Society visiting teacher for many years and headed the visiting teacher classes. She was the social science class leader for many years, and president of the same organization for eight years. She taught a missionary class in the Sunday School organization for about fifteen years. These services were performed in the Midway 1st Ward. Her marriage was solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple, September 24, 1920.

Children of Nels and Elizabeth included: Mrs. Ellis (Merne Schoney) Edwards; Nels Johnson, born June 7, and died October 1, 1898.

Children of Nels and Mary Ann included: George William, married Jennie Pyper; Ronald Mark, married Hazel Lewis; Mrs. W. W. (Elizabeth) Newby; Mrs. Mead (Lucile) Whiting; Mrs. William (Mildred) Larsen; Ralph Joseph, married Fawn Clyde; Mrs. Clifford (Loretta) Sherwood.

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NAME & ADDRESS OF PERSON SUBMITTING SHEET

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